Appraisal of Novodaya Schools

2641. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1953, given in the Rajya Sabha on 2nd August, 1996 and to state:

(a) whether Government are undertaking an appraisal of the performance of Navodaya Schools; and

(b) the measures that have been udnertaken to ensure that the products of these schools are fully conversant with national ethos and attitudes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) Although the functioning of the Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti and its Vidyalayas is regularly monitored by the Government, no formal appraisal has been undertaken.

(b) The academic and Co-curricular activities of the Vidyalayas have been so designed as to inculcate the necessary cultural/social values and attitudes amongst the students.

Central Universities

2642. SHRI JOY NADUKKARA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Central Universities in the country at the time of independence and at present;

(b) the names of the Central Universities and the places of their location; and

(c) the amount spent on such Universities every year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) There were three Central Universities at the time of independence. Now their number is fourteen.

(b) and (c) A Statement showing relevant details is given below.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of the Central University	Place	Funds Released in 1995-96 Plan	Non-Plan
			(Rs. in lakhs)	
1.	Aligarh Muslim University	Aligarh	293.00	7014.14
2.	Assam University	Silchar	500.00	—
3.	Banaras Hindu University	Varanasi	157.82	7382.41
4.	Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University	Lucknow	100.00	—
5.	Delhi University	Delhi	192.00	4084.01
6.	Hyderabad University	Hyderabad	157.00	1152.82
7.	Indira Gandhi* National Open University	Delhi	1270.00	514.57
8.	Jamia Millia Islamia	Delhi	140.39	1207.84
9.	Jawaharlal Nehru University	Delhi	121.49	2192.10
10.	Nagaland University	Kohima	250.00	375.00
11.	North-Eastern Hill University	Shillong	148.45	1526.95
12.	Pondicherry University	Pondicherry	202.00	464.79
13.	Tezpur University	Tezpur	250.00	—
14.	Visva-Bharati	Santi-niketan	194.51	1829.71

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